

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The changes to the specification show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0020] with the following paragraph:

[0020] These and other aspects ~~objects~~ and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of ~~the preferred~~ exemplary embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a resource manager within its resource manager domain ~~and~~;

Figure 2 is a block diagram of a packet-oriented communication system with a number of domains, each managed by a resource manager; and

Figure 3 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph:

[0037] Figure 3 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. As soon as the topology manager TM detects the arrival of the topology change it transfers in accordance with the invention topology change information TAI to the resource manager RM1 of the resource manager domain RD1 affected by the topology change. Resource manager RM1 detects on the basis of the transferred topology change information TAI that the topology image stored in its topology database TDB is not consistent with the actual topology of its resource manager domain RD1. As a result resource manager RM1 switches over during this inconsistency phase into a static resource reservation mode. The inconsistency phase ends when the topology image of the resource manager domain RM1 again matches the actual topology of its resource manager domain RD1.